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Urgent appeal to Humanitarian International Organisations and the International Committee of Red Cross

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Sirs and Madams in the Humanitarian International Organizations the International Committee of Red Cross and MSF

The Southern Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) presents its compliments to the Humanitarian International Organizations and the International Committee of the International Red Cross. Urgently we appeal you again in a moment that does not bear thinking nor delaying its demands, Since the fact that there are many people of the south of Yemen are exposed to killings and torture by Yemeni troops stationed in Aden.

The bloody events in the city of Aden today has reached 7 dead and 61 wounded during peaceful demonstrations that took place this day of young people who are demanding a new system based on equal rights for all, but these peaceful demonstrations have been Encountered by Military force of the Yemeni security men, where they use live bullets against the demonstrators
The death toll in South Yemen since 16.02.2011 is more than 25 people and more than 167 wounded, while the Yemeni security forces are still continuing using live bullets against unarmed demonstrators at the moment in the southern cities, specially in the city of Aden and Almukalla. We will provide you with details of these events through our report for the month of February 2011.

The Southern Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) strongly condemns the brutality of the authorities of Yemen and killing the defenseless citizens in the city of Aden, and calls upon the international community, represented in its human rights organizations, to perform rapid intervention to stop the violations against the peaceful citizens and demonstrators through using live bullets to intimidate them, which led to dozens of dead and wounded. And that these crimes which reached the extent of direct killing, are crimes against humanity, their perpetrators must be punished and pursued by the international community and its courts.

There are many wounded people who suffer from the lack of immediate first aid and health care, and they suffer from immoral and inhuman actions in governmental hospitals through the non-provision of medical services and adequate medical treatment and not accepting some of them, while the private hospitals are overflowed with many wounded that are difficult to treat for the lack of places and necessary resources to contain that large number or for the lack of the treatment expenses.

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The Southern Observatory calls upon the International Committee of the International Red Cross and to send human crews to assist in rescuing the wounded and to provide humanitarian assistance in the city of Aden and other southern cities that suffer form daily inhuman violations committed by Yemeni security forces.

The Southern Observatory appeals you to circulate these events to the international community and hold accountable those who committed and ordered to execute those violations by influential military and political leaders in the government of the Republic of Yemen.

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